



PORT COMMUNITY INFORMATION BULLETIN (PCIB) 27-01

Temporary Requirements for Notification of Arrival in U.S. Ports

To ensure public safety and security and to ensure the uninterrupted flow of commerce, the Coast Guard is temporarily changing notification requirements for vessels bound for or departing from U.S. ports. This rule temporarily lengthens the usual notification period from 24 to 96 hours prior to port entry, requires submission of reports to a central national clearinghouse, suspends exemptions for vessels operating in compliance with the Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System, for some vessels operating on the Great Lakes, and vessels on scheduled routes, and requires information about persons onboard these vessels. These changes are necessary to ensure receipt of comprehensive and timely information on vessels entering U.S. ports. They will help provide better security information and minimize delays in collecting that information.

Until October 15, 2001, all vessels required to report the information in § 160.T208, § 160.T212, or § 160.T214, must submit the report to the cognizant Captain of the Port (COTP). From October 15, 2001, until June 15, 2002, all vessels required to report notice of arrival and departure information in §§ 160.T208, 160.T212, or 160.T214, other than vessels 300 or less gross tons operating in the Seventh Coast Guard District, must submit the notice to the National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC), United States Coast Guard, 408 Coast Guard Drive, Kearneysville, W.V., 25430, by:

- (i) Telephone at 1-800-708-9823;
- (ii) Fax at 1-800-547-8724; or
- (iii) E-mail at SANS@NVMC.USCG.gov.

Information about the National Vessel Movement Center is available on its website at <http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/>.

This temporary final rule is effective when published, on or about October 4, 2001 to June 15, 2002.

Chart 1 summarizes the changes in submission times made by this rule; the rule and chart are available on our website at http://www.uscg.mil/d7/units/mso-chasn/whats_new.html.

If you have questions on this rule, call CWO Michael Spence, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Charleston, at (843) 720-7733.

Sincerely,

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Captain of the Port